

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 11 and 20, without prejudice; amend Claims 1, 3-10, 16 and 19; and add new Claims 21-23 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An article of infant clothing comprising:
at least one soft and flexible elbow protective device incorporated into each elbow area of the clothing, wherein the elbow protective device includes soft padding covering the elbow area for elbow ~~protection;~~ and protection;
at least one soft and flexible knee protective device incorporated into each knee area of the clothing, wherein the knee protective device includes soft padding covering the knee area for knee protection during ~~crawling~~; crawling; and
a traction device incorporated into at least one outer surface of the knee area or the elbow area, wherein the traction device includes sufficient coefficient of friction to create stable traction during crawling.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the soft padding comprises a sufficient quantity of fabric

materials to cover the area with a soft and flexible light padding for protection during crawling.

4. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the soft padding comprises a sealed soft liquid gel material of at least a sufficient size to cover the area for protection during crawling.

5. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the protective devices is permanently affixed to the article of clothing.

6. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the protective devices further comprises:

a removable insert of the soft padding;

a receiving pocket adapted to receive the insert, wherein the ~~packet~~ pocket includes a secure tab for securing the insert inside the pocket.

7. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 6, wherein the secure tab further comprises any one from the group of at least one

button, a zipper, and a hook and loop attachment means, for securing the insert inside the pocket.

8. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the protective devices is made of a predetermined decorative shape.

9. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1 further comprising at least one foot protective device incorporated into each foot area of the clothing, wherein the foot protective device includes soft

10. (Currently Amended) An article of infant clothing ~~comprising~~ comprising:

at least one soft and flexible knee protective device incorporated into each knee area of the clothing, wherein the knee protective device includes soft padding covering the knee area for protection during ~~crawling~~; crawling;

a traction device incorporated into an outer surface of at least one knee area, wherein the traction device includes sufficient coefficient of friction to create stable traction during crawling.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10 further comprising at least one foot protective device incorporated into each foot area of the clothing, wherein the foot protective device includes soft padding covering the foot area for protection of the foot during crawling.

13. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10, wherein the soft padding of the knee protective device comprises a sufficient quantity of fabric materials to cover the knee area with a soft and flexible light padding for protection during crawling.

14. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10, wherein the soft padding of the knee protective device comprises a sealed soft liquid gel material of at least a sufficient size to cover the area for protection during crawling.

15. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the protective devices is permanently affixed to the article of clothing.

16. (Currently Amended) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the protective devices further comprises:

a removable insert of the soft padding; and

a receiving pocket adapted to receive the insert, wherein the ~~packet~~ pocket includes a secure tab for securing the insert inside the pocket.

17. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 16, wherein the secure tab further comprises any one from the group of at least one button, a zipper, and a hook and loop attachment means, for securing the insert inside the pocket.

18. (Original) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the protective devices is made of a predetermined decorative shape.

19. (Currently Amended) An article of infant clothing ~~comprising~~ comprising:

at least one soft and flexible elbow protective device incorporated into each elbow area of the clothing, wherein the elbow protective device includes soft padding covering the elbow area for elbow protection during ~~crawling~~ crawling; and

a traction device incorporated into an outer surface of at least one elbow area,
wherein the traction device includes sufficient coefficient of friction to create stable traction
during crawling.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The article of infant clothing according to claim 19,
wherein at least one of the protective devices further comprises:

a removable insert of the soft padding;

a receiving pocket adapted to receive the insert, wherein the pocket includes a
secure tab for securing the insert inside the pocket.

22. (New) The article of infant clothing according to claim 1,
wherein said traction device includes a plurality of ribs of rubberized material of sufficient
coefficient of friction to create stable traction during crawling.

23. (New) The article of infant clothing according to claim 10,
wherein said traction device includes a plurality of ribs of rubberized material of sufficient
coefficient of friction to create stable traction during crawling.